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To: All SAOs

Subject: FW: U.S. Special Forces Training Course (ISFTC) Solicitation for FY06 Quotas; Requirements Requested by 28 Sep 05

Folks,

The U.S. Army has developed a new International Special Forces Training Course (ISFTC) to replace the SF Qual Course that was dropped a few months ago. SEE DETAILED INFORMATION BELOW. There will be two classes per year; 30 students per class. The first class reports 24 Jan 06. The second reports 10 Aug 06. Your SATFA desk officer needs your quota requirements for each class by 28 September. Include this office on any quota requests you send to SATFA! Pay particular attention to course prerequisites; especially medical screening requirements! We have requested SATFA review requirement to purchase U.S. Army PT uniforms.

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From: Jump, Leigh Ann Ms TRADOC DCSOPS&T

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To: All Combatant Commands

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Please share with SAOs as appropriate. Please note, we have provided pricing information for COCOM—you may or may not want to include in your endorsement to SAOs. SATFA will also publish ISFTC on the SANWEB and SATFA Web (Greenbook info updated).

U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center, Ft Bragg, will offer SF training that will serve as the international standard and will facilitate coalition Special Operations Forces (SOF) interoperability in the Global War on Terrorism. Course will be dedicated international training and will be a viable alternative for U.S. Special Forces (SF) Qualification Courses (SF Detachment Officer Qualification Course, SF Engineer Sergeant Course, and SF Weapons Sergeant Course) which are no longer offered to international military students (IMS).

The purpose of this e-mail is to generate student fill/load for Feb 06 International Special Forces Training Course (ISFTC). Please provide SATFA the number of country requirements for the ISFTC Pilot Course and second iteration NLT 28 Sep 05. SATFA will prioritize using appropriate SC guidance in accordance with GWOT objectives and SOCOM/ARSOC support plans. ISFTC will be taught by U.S. Soldiers and will be 15 weeks in duration. There will be a firm 15 working days/3 calendar weeks reporting requirement prior to each class start. Annual throughput will be 60 IMS, 2 iterations per year—30 students per iteration. ISFTC Pilot Course (Class 01-06) commences in Feb 06; course dates are report 24 Jan 06, start 14 Feb 06, end 16 Jun 06. ISFTC second iteration (Class 02-06) dates are report 10 Aug 06, start 6 Sep 06, end 20 Dec 06. Class 02-06 is a consideration for IMS requiring English Language and/or Airborne training prior to attendance.

Assigned MASL is B126650. FMS (INCR): \$15,393; FMS: \$24,688; NATO: \$22,227; FMS (MAP): \$10,522; NATO (FMAP): \$14,473; IMET: \$10,522.

Course scope. Phase I: Individual physical training, Land Navigation, Obstacle course, and Team events; Phase II: Instruction methods and techniques, after action reviews, Risk management process; Phase III: Special Forces history and organization, Army security assistance, Theater SOC operations, Civil Affairs and PSYOP, advanced skills overview; Phase IV: Hand-to-hand, Troop leading procedures, Patrolling, Advanced rifle marksmanship; Airborne operations; and, Phase V: Special Forces Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) training. Phase VI: Graduation.

Course objectives and graduate skills:

- a. Objectives.
 - (1) Course will be a relevant and viable alternative to U.S. Special Qualification Courses.
 - (2) Course will facilitate interoperability of coalition SOF.
 - (3) Will provide Instructor Training capability which will facilitate IMS training in host country ("train the trainer").
- b. Graduate skills.
 - (1) Proficient in small unit tactics.
 - (2) Knowledgeable of SF Operational Detachment-Alpha (ODA) organization and each military occupational specialty.
 - (3) Understands SF operational concepts; ODA thru Theater Special Operations Command.
 - (4) Competent as an instructor.
 - (5) Physically fit, trained in hand-to-hand combat, and small arms marksmanship.
 - (6) Fosters teamwork; a confident small unit leader; trained to operate with U.S. SOF.

Course prerequisites. Officer and Enlisted soldiers pre-screened by SATFA to ensure that all appropriate prerequisites as outlined by the appropriate Foreign Military Sales and Security Assistance rules and regulations are met. Male only. Must be "current" airborne qualified (either U.S. or Foreign country) having participated in airborne operations in the past 6 months. SAO must ensure that ITO (DD form 2285, May 97), paragraph 11c is selected: "IMS is parachute qualified and authorized to participate in jumps from US aircraft." IMS must pass the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) by achieving a composite score of 206 or above (a minimum of 50 pushups within 2 minutes, 60 sit ups within 2 minutes, and the two mile run in 14:54 or less). IMS must be able to swim 50 meters wearing battle dress uniform. **ECL requirement is 75.**

Medical. Medical requirements are the same as for the Qual course. IMS must report with completed physical (medical) exam DD forms 2807-1, 2807-2, and 2808 in English. This includes lab slips, EKG, chest x-ray, eye and dental exams, and HIV certification. Ensure the examining physician has signed ALL necessary blocks on forms. Physical examinations will not be conducted at Ft Bragg.

During pre-course period (15 working days/3 calendar weeks prior to class start), IMSO will structure a deliberate preparatory program to ensure student success. IMSO-lead pre-course period will include ID card issue; orientation briefings; APFT; swim test; and basic Airborne refresher training. IMS will participate in a land navigation exercise and a field studies event. IMS will be issued TA-50 (field gear) to include layout, and packing. Students are allowed to wear their home country's BDUs but will need to purchase name tapes and have them sewn onto their uniform(s).

Uniform requirements: A minimum of 3 pairs of BDUs/fatigues and 2 pairs of leather combat boots. Uniforms can be either U.S. or native country. Students are encouraged to bring their own uniforms and equipment or must plan to purchase these items at the school. Cost for BDUs and boots are not included in the course costs. Additional uniforms and some equipment may be required for field activities. One set of BDUs costs approximately \$80 (U.S.) and combat boots \$70 a pair. U.S. Army PT uniform is required (jacket, pants, running shorts, t-shirt), as well as running shoes. Cost for the PT uniform is approximately \$300 and running shoes \$60. IMS should arrive with a minimum of \$1,000 in order to purchase required uniforms and equipment. NOTE: Native country dress uniform is required for graduation.

V/R,
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